

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS. Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Tuesday morning.

MAGNOLIA.

Magnolia, June 20.—Our farmers surely have no cause now to complain of the seasons, for, in this section, they are about perfect. We have a sufficiency of rain, and a sufficiency of sunshine, and there is a marked improvement in plants of all kinds.

Mr. J. Lee Parnell has been elected marshal of this town, and assumed his new duties last Friday. Mr. McGee having resigned.

Mr. T. E. McIntosh, and wife, of Sumter, spent Sunday and a part of Monday (yesterday) at Mr. J. F. McIntosh's.

Mrs. John A. DuRant returned from ten days visit to Summerton, last evening.

Mrs. E. F. Darby, leaves for an extended visit to Spartanburg tomorrow morning, where she will be met by her son, Osgood.

Misses Mattie and Mary Tarrant, of Orangeburg, are visiting Dr. Tarrant, their brother.

Since this town has been corporated Mr. Isaac Keels has erected, what promises to be when finished according to design, a brick store, with glass front, and the material for a large frame building, one hundred feet long, is on the ground, and work on same is begun.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hickson, of Lake City, are visiting at Mr. J. A. Hickson's, Henry's father.

Hon. Thos. G. McLeod, of Bishopville has been in town the past two days.

EDWARDS.

Edwards, June 21.—With several days of sunshine and hot weather the farmers have about rid their crops of grass. Crops are looking very well, but are suffering for rain at the present.

The farmers have about finished laying by corn. The fruit crops are very poor in this section. Watermelons will be very scarce.

Mr. C. L. Britton spent Monday in Bishopville.

Mr. J. W. Weldon and son Marion, spent Wednesday in Camden.

Mrs. Joe Richburg is very sick. Dr. Foxworth is the attending physician. Mr. Hodge Lenoir of Camden was in the community Tuesday evening on business.

The health in general of the community is very good at present.

DARK CORNER.

Dark Corner, June 24.—Hot and dry is the sort of weather we are having now. Have not had any rain since the 12th to amount to anything. Cotton looks well where it has been well worked. Corn still looks yellow on all the ridges and is tasseling out very small.

Mr. Joe R. Griffin, of Pinewood has the best corn I have seen.

Rose Martin an old colored woman on Mr. J. M. Kolb's place was found dead in her bed last Wednesday morning. She went to bed as far as I have learned in her usual health, but when her children who were in the bed with her awoke and called her she was dead. She worked for Mr. Kolb cleaning up his house the day before.

I have just heard that a dog supposed to be a mad dog fell into the pier head at R. P. Weeks mill this morning and was drowned (would to God that all would do so). The dog came there and tried to bite Richard Geddings, son of Mr. Robt. J. Geddings, of Pinewood who had to jump into his wagon to keep the dog from biting him. This is the first mad dog I have heard of here in a long time.

Mrs. Joe Johnston has been sick this week.

Mr. John W. Hudson, an old Confederate soldier who lives just over in Privateer had his dwelling house, kitchen and smoke house with their contents burned last Saturday night. Supposed it caught from the stove. No insurance as I know of, which is a heavy loss on an old man.

Mr. R. F. Epperson of Pinewood, and some other gentlemen passed through here last Saturday looking at timber with the idea of locating a saw mill some where in those coasts. Let 'em locate, we need lumber.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ardis and family visited W. J. Ardis last Monday evening.

Mr. A. G. Stack, of Pinewood, ex-

pects to move into his new brick store in about thirty days.

Mr. W. W. Geddings, formerly of your city, but now of Pinewood, told me last Saturday that his son, Ralph, was quite sick at his uncle's with typhoid fever, in Columbia.

Mr. H. T. Avant who ran a large business in Summerton a few years ago, has opened up a grocery store in Pinewood. Also Mr. G. W. Smith is opening up a line of general merchandise at the same place.

While in your city some time ago I was talking with an old Confederate about the South Carolina reunion where and when it should meet (if it meets at all). And we thought that it should meet in Columbia (not Charleston) about the 20th of September. As we old vets that have to farm could spare the time to go to the reunion then better than we could in the spring. So let us have a reunion in September, what say you, brother veterans and friends.

SALEM.

Salem, June 27.—After one week of good warm sunshiny weather. The places that were arrayed in living green have kinder put on a golden tint and we feel now that we, instead of "Gen. Green" are boss of the situation.

Cotton has improved considerably and now looks as if it will make something if an early frost does not blight its prospects.

There are still a few acres still unchopped.

Now that the election of cotton weighers is to soon be held, we beg to recommend one who has served us for past two or three seasons to the entire satisfaction of seller and buyer. One whose sole object seems to be to do what is right, just and honest to all concerned without regard to color or creed. One who by the hand of affliction, is incapacitated for doing anything that his willing hands fixed to do. In behalf of this section, we most cordially recommend for public cotton weigher, at the town of Maysville, our present weigher, Mr. Jas. M. Witherspoon. It is an endorsement of our appreciation of his past record. The future we give no thought to, if our decisions are to be made by one as worthy as he.

A light rain fell here on Sunday afternoon which will be beneficial to soften the ground that was beaten into a mummy by the heavy rains of the previous week. Crops were not suffering as there was still a plenty of moisture in soil.

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The public road between Graham's Mill and Scottville is simply a disgrace to Sumter county. This has been mentioned before, but does not seem to be the duty of any one to attend to it. The Board of County Commissioners are all from other sections, so we have no one to look out for us and can only growl it out.

This section sends few recruits to the road builders squad, so it might be that we are not entitled to any consideration at their hands.

WISACKY.

Wisacky, June 26.—We had a refreshing shower of rain yesterday afternoon that was greatly needed.

McLaurance Scott is improving from his long spell of fever.

There will be a moonlight picnic at Mr. Arthur Greer's Tuesday evening, in honor of Miss Green, of Lancaster who is visiting his home.

Mrs. Eva Smith has returned from Greenville, where she has been in business the past season.

There will be an ice cream festival at St. Charles Tuesday evening for the benefit of the base ball club of that neighborhood.

Miss Geraldine Sineath, of Bishopville has been visiting in this neighborhood.

Rev. Hugh Murchison, pastor of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church, has been visiting some of his members in this neighborhood.

KERSHAW COUNTY.

Camden, June 26.—Camden base ball team played three games with Denmark last week with the following result. Thursday Denmark 10, Camden 4, Friday Denmark 3, Camden 4, Saturday Denmark 9, Camden 2. Not a very good showing for our team, but when you consider that it was their first games for the season, they did remarkably well. Our team needs a few more good players like Tucker Boykin, Bill Young, Willie DePass, and Hoyt Moseley. Any ball team with a few weak batters, is sure of defeat. A few will get on base and others "fan out," without a score. "No chain is stronger than its weakest link." They will play the Y. M. C. A. of Charleston Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. We hope with better results.

We are still in need of rain in this county.

Camden, June 21.—We are having what the negro calls a "dry drought." Have not had any rain in nearly four weeks.

Cotton is doing fine, but March corn will be a failure if we don't have rain soon. Crops are generally well worked, but as a whole are small for the 20th of June. We hope they will continue small, and that the crop will be short. Better a 10,000,000 bale crop at 10 cents than a 13,000,000 crop at 6 or 7 cents. We said the first of the year that it would not be necessary to reduce the acreage to reduce the crop. There never has, and never will be too good cotton years together.

Two negroes escaped from the chain gang here last week, and as yet have not been captured.

Miss Cora Smith of the Beniah section of this county, is seriously sick with fever. She is not expected to live.

The Heritage Cotton Mill, under

its new management is doing well. They have no trouble selling cloth as fast as made. President Carrison is a "hustler" and don't know the word fail.

We had a clear case of what renting to negroes will do in this section last week. A land owner rented to a negro, and indorsed a \$600.00 lien. The negro "took up" his account, let the grass take the crop, is now in jail for stealing the guano, and selling it to "splurge" on. The crop is being worked by the owner and merchant, under an over-er, where it should have been at first. Who could blame the negro for having a good time?

Camden has organized a first class ball team. They have three games this week with a team from Charleston. Long Branch will play Charleston in Camden Saturday evening as the Camden boys don't play on Saturday.

Long Branch has looked in vain for a game from Dalzell. What is the trouble boys. Come up and give us a game. It will be your time to win next time.

MANNING NEWS NOTES.

From the Manning Times.

Hon. A. W. Jones, Comptroller General, spent yesterday in Manning, investigating the books of the Auditors' office, in response to the presentation of the grand jury. Gen. Jones told us that he found the work in the office somewhat behind, but there was nothing but what could be remedied with a little work. He will send a man from his office in a few days to make a thorough examination, and he thinks when that is done the office will be fully up with the work and in good shape. He said that Auditor Dickson has always been prompt with his settlements and that while the books are somewhat behind, there has been no damage done by the present delay.

Miss Vera, a daughter of Mr. J. S. DuRant of DuRant is at Dr. Brockington's infirmary with typhoid fever.

J. A. Weinberg, Esq., president of the Bank of Clarendon, left last Sunday night for New York on business, and from there he will take a pleasure trip for about three weeks.

Rev. J. N. Tolar, of North Carolina, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Paxville, Home Branch, Providence and Graham churches. He preaches his first sermons at Paxville and Home Branch the second Sunday in July. Mr. Tolar is a graduate of Wake Forest College, and the Louisville Theological Seminary, and is said to be a man of ability, and independence.

Died at his home near Davis Cross Roads last Thursday night, Mr. Rutledge R. Dingle, aged 77 years. The funeral took place at Summerton. Rev. J. C. Young conducted the service.

MAX.

Max, June 26.—Last Saturday was children's day at Shiloh, attendance large, exercises and addresses excellent.

Bethel Sunday school had a picnic last Thursday, addresses, duets, solos, dinner and free lemonade were of the first quality.

Mr. Hez Wilson of Darlington visited Mr. Fred Truluck last week.

Mr. S. C. Caraway after spending last week with his parents and relatives here has returned to Timmons-ville.

Mrs. Junius Finklea has returned to her home at Hymans, (Marion county) after spending some time with her mother Mrs. Caroline Chandler who died Friday and was buried Saturday afternoon at Bethel Church. Along with other good things that could be said of Mrs. Chandler is that, she befriended the friendless and gave liberally to the poor.

Mrs. B. K. Truluck will leave this morning for North Greenville, where she will spend the summer with her parents.

Cotton growing fine; plenty of blooms; rain needed very much.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, June 26.—Col. John J. Dargan and family, of Hartsville, are at Mrs. E. N. Frierson's.

Miss Hattie Gibson, who has been visiting relatives and friends in Florence and Sumter, returned home on Tuesday.

Mr. John H. Burgess left on last Thursday for Glenn Springs, where he will spend several weeks.

Master Mark Reynolds, of Sumter, spent last week with Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson.

Mrs. J. Temple Frierson and Mrs. C. M. Holcombe spent Friday in Sumter as the guests of Mrs. W. B. Murray.

Miss Amelia Holmes as at home for a short stay. Her many friends are glad to see her in our midst.

Our farmers are again looking "anything but cheerful." We have not had a good rain in over a month and consequently corn is suffering terribly. Cotton, in most places, is doing very well. Gardens are burning up and the fruit crop will be very short. The thermometer last week registered 98 and 99 degrees on shady piazzas.

REMBERTS.

Remberts, June 26.—The greatly needed rain in this section has not arrived yet, and our crops are now beginning to suffer. Early planted corn cannot possibly make a full crop, and our only hope now is in the late planted. Cotton is growing fairly well but greatly undersize for July 1st.

Rev. C. S. Felder filled his usual appointment at McLeod's Chapel on yesterday accompanied by his charming bride, but owing to the heat the congregation was small.

McLeod's Church will be well represented at the quarterly conference to be held at Providence

Church next Saturday.

Our community can boast of one luxury these hot days, an ice club. The ice is supplied by the Sumter ice company, and they ship four thousand pounds to Remberts every Friday.

We are glad to report the improvement of W. J. Young who sprained his ankle ten days ago. He can get about slowly with assistance of his crutch.

Mrs. J. D. McLeod is now on a visit to her mother in Sumter.

Miss Inez Felder and her cousin Miss Mattie Felder both of Summerton, Sr. C., are visiting Miss Adel McLeod.

Miss Sudie Vick Lucius of Columbia is visiting friends and relatives in the neighborhood.

Hon. A. K. Sanders of Hagood and the Misses Gardner of the State Farm were in attendance at McLeod's Chapel on yesterday.

DURANT.

DuRant, June 23.—Vera, the youngest daughter of Mr. John DuRant, was carried to the Brockington Infirmary in Manning last week with typhoid fever. Also was Mr. Smith Nelson taken there to be treated for the same disease.

Bob Jefferson and Miss Ruby Williams returned last Thursday from Charleston where they have been attending school.

Miss Olivia DuRant has been visiting her sister near Foreston.

The community is anxiously awaiting the time for the passenger coach to be put on the road. It will be a great convenience to have it make connection with the morning and evening train at Alcolu.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, June 26.—It is hot! If you can't realize it in Sumter come up here and stay in the sun all day and you will soon know that it is so.

The dry weather and hot winds are playing havoc with the corn, which, to say the least, is not promising for a crop. Cotton is holding its own yet, but all crops need rain badly and the prospect to get it at present is not good. If this dry weather continues long the crop will be a short one, as it has been an expensive one.

The varieties of cotton seed sent by the government are being planted. Some have their entire crop planted with them this year.

The watermelon crop is almost a failure. Very few have any worth speaking of.

Gardens are burnt to death and we are about as dry for vegetables as we were in the winter.

Much sickness is about of different types, but none very serious as yet.

I understand that typhoid fever is showing itself in different places. I would advise my farming friends to use lemons very freely this hot weather and they will find them very beneficial, especially to avoid fever and keep the system in good order. For this bit of advice I make no charge, and with no desire to interfere with the medical fraternity.

I notice that the prohibition sentiment is coming to the front and the fellows that want to get into office are catching on. The writer of this article is as much a prohibitionist in belief and practice as any man in this state, but does not view it from the standpoint that prohibitionists generally do. Under the decisions of the United States court a man has the right to send out of the state for whiskey, and the police power of the state can't prevent him or seize it when it arrives. It is constitutional law that every man has the right to buy what and when he pleases, then if prohibition prevailed what hinders a man to import whiskey for personal use, and blind tiger it out to those who are not able to import it, and won't it be done? Is it not better to buy it openly under the forms of law than secretly in a sly and underhanded manner? But you say catch him and punish him. But how are you going to do it? We have a most stringent law against carrying pistols. How many are caught and punished under it? Opportunities are on every hand for the state is a walking arsenal. It is true every now and then some poor devil is made to pay the piper, but even those instances are few and far between. We hear of dispensary whiskey as blood money, but has a dollar of it ever been refused on salaries? If so, name a case. The finest and best young ladies of the land teach and are paid in part by whiskey funds. Have any ever refused it? If so tell us about it. I know of none, and yet these ladies represent the highest type of citizenship. If Ben Tillman fastened the dispensary law on the state why don't the people order it repealed by electing legislators to that end? They have had all opportunities to do so since Ben Tillman left the state government. A congressman voted for a prohibition resolution in a Democratic county convention and immediately on adjournment of the body went to a bar-room and took a drink. On being twitted for being so inconsistent said: "You think I'm going on record against prohibition, even if I do

drink on the sly?" and that is the way of a lot of people who are talking about prohibition. They will pull the bottle every time they get a chance. The best way to get prohibition effective is to educate people up to the evils of whiskey drinking, and there is no better place than the pulpit to do so in, and if the state had a few more men like Rev. J. H. Thacker, of Latta, we would have a better state of affairs in many ways. He is not a man that is afraid to denounce the evils of the day, bold and outspoken against wrong. Pity but what a few more would imitate his example.

People here are trying to finish laying by their crops so as to have a much needed rest. I hardly see any one moving about, except going to the mill, the blacksmith shop or to the depot for grub.

Hagood Visits Goshen.

Fort Motte, S. C., June 24.—I never thought, I never even dreamed that I would get to the land of Goshen, but if I dreamed last night then it was in Goshen, and what a place it is! No wonder the pure, fresh air of which you drink in great draughts, is filled with the music of sweet songsters of many a feather. The meanness of all God's creatures seem to appreciate the true, the beautiful and the good, and are never so happy as when surrounded by the lavish expenditures of nature, but more responsive than them all is man; God's highest, noblest handiwork. Who is there in all the land that has not heard the name Peterkin, a household word? On yesterday as the sombre shades of night were gathering and the peaceful stillness of nature's sleep was coming on, passing by a park-like meadow, whose dark shadows but made the time more impressive, turning in through a broad gateway, I went up a most beautiful drive surrounded on every hand by a heavy growth of oak cedar, hickory, etc., to the very door of that most hospitable home we have all read and heard of, Captain J. A. Peterkin's.

It was night and the clouds, piling up in the west, promised a storm and rain, but none nor all of these prevented the lover of nature from taking in his surrounding. At last he had found the place that met all the requirements of his ideal of a country home, a veritable paradise as far as man can make it. Bear with me, my pen labors for expression, and grant that the picture I present is under-drawn. On the left of the drive, 200 or more yards in length as you approach, is the meadow filled with live oak, mock orange, pecan, cedar and other trees, while on the right the land slopes to a deep and dark ravine where cool refreshing water, pure and clear as crystal, bubbles up and by means of pipes and a hydraulic ram is conveyed to a large elevated tank, whence it is carried to all parts of the premises. Browsing lazily in the meadow or lying down under the trees were a number of fine cattle, and this morning when I was shown the dairy with its cream separator, its jars, churns and other vessels and when I saw gallons on gallons of milk with quantities of butter already worked, pressed, I understood what it all meant. To the rear of the house was the garden where, in addition to all the various kinds of vegetables, were great fig trees loaded with that finest of fruit, while in the yard and near by were other kinds to tempt the palate and satisfy the hunger. Under shelter, well protected from the weather were all kinds of improved farming implements, while convenient was a ginny with other necessary buildings that go to make up the equipment of the farm. And (don't tell the preachers) the place as fine and fat chickens here as are anywhere to be found. This last is the work of Mrs. Julia Mood Peterkin, the daughter of that finest of men, that most excellent physician, Dr. J. A. Mood, of Sumter. After all it is the inmates of a house who make it attractive. The stranger in this home feels that ease so necessary to pleasure and repose. These people know how to entertain. It was with pleased surprise when I remarked that the place ought to be called Goshen, Captain Peterkin told me that was its name. I should have said in the outset that Captain Peterkin's farm embraces three properties: The Goshen, Auld Lang Syne and the Bellville and extends near to where the Wateree and Congaree unite to make Santee river. Here you can see into four counties, the land being higher than the union depot in Columbia, though thirty miles below.

Not more than half a dozen farms in the United States analyze the same as this, where Howard, the great authority on grasses, said that blue grass which now belts the continent first grew on American soil. It is also the home of the first short staple cotton ever grown in America. Time and space forbid that I say more. Yours truly, "Hagood."

Sam Smith and Andrew Burton, both negroes, had a desperate fight in Reedy River, Greenville, Saturday night. Smith jumped into the river to escape and Burton followed him. Smith was seriously stabbed.

BANK OF LYNCHBURG.

Organization Perfected, Directors and Officers Elected.

Magnolia, June 26.—A meeting of the subscribers to the stock of the Bank of Lynchburg was held this afternoon and the bank was formally and legally organized under the authority of the commission granted by the secretary of state. The following directors were elected: T. N. Griffin, E. D. Smith, S. C. Kilpatrick, W. J. McLeod, J. A. Rhame.

The directors met after the adjournment of the stockholders meeting and elected the following officers: President—T. N. Griffin. Vice President—E. D. Smith.

Mr. Smith was also elected temporary secretary and treasurer pending the election of a cashier.

As stated a few days ago the capital stock of the bank is \$20,000. The capital has been called in and the bank will be opened for business in a short time.

Weekly Crop Bulletin.

Columbia, June 27.—The temperature during the week ending 8 a. m., June 26th, averaged 4 degrees per day above normal. The extremes were a maximum of 100 degrees at Greenville on the 22d. There was more than an average amount of bright sunshine. Although there were no destructive wind storms, yet there were fresh to brisk winds each day which, being hot and dry, had a withering effect on all vegetation, and caused the ground to dry out very fast.

There were scattered showers on several days during the middle of the week, most numerous in the extreme counties, and widely separated in other parts. By far the larger portion of the State had no rain. The showers were heavy in parts of Oconee, Barnwell and Florence counties and were generally light elsewhere. There is urgent need of a general rain in all parts of the State. The drought is most severe in the central counties, where the deficiency since the first of June amounts to from two to over three inches, there having occurred no beneficial rain during this month. In many places the ground has become baked and hard and unworkable.

Farm work made rapid progress during the week where the soil was fit for cultivation, and practically all fields have been rid of grass and weeds, and are in better condition than at any time this season.

Cotton is suffering less from the drought than other crops, and made a general improvement, although the plants continue small and are growing slowly. Cotton has now a healthier color, and is fruiting normally with a marked increase in the area from which blooming is reported. The improvement is confined principally to cotton on heavy soils, while on sandy lands the crop continues poor and unpromising, and in many places lousy, and the plants have a sickly appearance and in a few sections are shedding their lower leaves. Sea-island cotton is in good condition but has begun to wilt in places.

Corn is suffering for rain, and early corn is very poor; later plantings are better but will soon deteriorate unless it rains. Most of the March plantings have been laid by. Worms continue destructive in the western counties. Tobacco leaves are ripening and some of the lower ones have been stripped, cured and marketed. Wheat and oats harvest is now finished. Tide water rice is doing well; June plantings in the Georgetown district are coming up to fairly good stands. Gardens doing poorly. Shipments of peaches are heavy from the Ridge section. Cantaloupe shipments have begun, and water melons will be marketed next week. Pastures are failing. It has been too dry to plant peas on stubble lands.

Manning, June 25.—Mr. J. Smith Nelson of the Fork section, one of the best citizens of this county, died in an infirmary here last night from typhoid fever and pritonitis. The remains were taken to Midway church today for interment.

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